

8. Griffith Park: D, E, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	No	
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	No	
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	No	
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	Yes	Griffith Park is the easternmost extent of the Santa Monica Mountains, a stepping stone to the Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains, only two miles distant. It is a very important natural area for animals and plant seeds that go between the Santa Monica and San Gabriel Mountains. Because of its large acreage, Griffith Park maintains sizeable populations of the biological community, even top predators such as bobcats. The Park is teetering between becoming an island of natural habitat in a metropolis and maintaining connections to the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains to the west. Recently (2010) a coalition of donors added Cahuenga Peak and surroundings on the west to the Park lands.
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.	Yes	Griffith Park is an island of natural habitat surrounded by urban areas. These inland islands are reservoirs of native species that may be of scientific and economic value in the future. Birds rely on these islands for areas to rest and feed along their north-south migration routes.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic communities in Los Angeles County.	Yes	Griffith Park has extensive areas of coastal chaparral and is an island refuge for native animals of the Santa Monica Mountains. Its mosaic of habitats includes coastal sage scrub, riparian areas, and southern oak woodland.